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Chairperson

June 3, 2020 General Board Meeting  
Meeting held via Zoom because of the Coronavirus

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District Manager

### **Elected Officials**

#### **Councilman Mark Levine**

Facing two pandemics racism and COVID which is also shaped by racism. Number of deaths are high in zip code 10027 that number is 100 now, in zip codes 10030, 10039 has 50 deaths from COVID. Much higher than other parts of the city. Many in this community do essential work so are exposed. Contact tracing was started this past Monday. Testing, tracing, isolation in hotels, quarantining. Increased the amount of testing but not enough people are taking advantage of this and now anybody can get the free testing. 150 sites not available. They have 1200 rooms for people who have been tested positive for COVID only 100 of those rooms are being used at this time. We need to let the community know. More challenging once phase 1 reopening begins.

Donna Gill = How to become a contact tracer. Link was in the chat.

How are people being connected to jobs in hotels? Not jobs but beds is you are sick.

You can call the cities COVID hotline if you do not have a doctor at 844-NYC-4NYC. Also to get tested at CityMd is free.

Questions to Mr. Levine

Joshua Clennon – how much on average is the city paying to house people? JL -May be as much as \$200 a night days

How long can you stay in hotels – usually 14 days but from 7-14 days

Chair Harris – need data on how many people in our area actually get those contact tracer jobs.

JL will send info when he receives it.

Mari Moss – Victims that are domestic violence people – may need to quarantine with their abuser. The city has promised to expedite to hotel if that is the case. Please let his office know and he will follow up. He will check with the city to confirm what the process is .

#### **Brooklyn Borough President – Eric Adams**

Bring greetings. Best practices to deal with the impact of COVID. Need to make sure the recovery process does not discriminate. Tracing jobs should be give among community groups.

Send a letter that was sent to DOJ into how we handle resources to community of color.

Believes civil rights violations that could lead to changes. There was a different practice in NY.

Was signed by elected by all across the country. Communities of color and immigrant population were treated different believes a major health care crisis in the future because of COVID. Several initiatives that we want to share with this board we will send it over to the office Lack of access to health food is the root of a lot of our illnesses in our neighborhood.

### **Gale Brewer Manhattan Borough President**

Just came from a press conference where Washington heights and Harlem came together. Last night there was an incident between an African American youth from Harlem and youth from Washington heights and tonight they were all shaking hands. All focused on restaurants opening on Monday. Open streets discussion is important. Congratulations because on 125 looks like besides H&M no break ins because of a lot of support from the community. Arts as Athena Moore and Voza Rivers are having those discussions tomorrow at six is the next discussion. There are 14 wastewater facilities in the five boroughs, possibility that the waste could determine if there is a hot spot. It could help us determine where to focus our help. Thanks all the BIDS helpful in terms of how to open businesses and security for retail and restaurants. All focused on history on June 16<sup>th</sup>, Rob Sneigher will have a call on how to do document oral history

### **Linda Jones Jane Manhattan District Attorney Office**

Offices are closed they are still delivering services to the dv victims. Reports are increasing dv. A whole toolbox of services that the office provides. Providing remotely for now. If the person up to and including hotel resources if that is necessary. 212-864-7884

### **Adrienne Felton Attorney General's Office**

Encourage everyone to visit the web site for updates. The office is investigating all police activity and conduct. Please report anything that you may see, it is all private. Price gouging law was passed to give more weight to go after businesses that overly increase prices of certain items. Floyd family is hosting a memorial in Brooklyn tomorrow at 4pm.

### **Nina Norwood NYC Assembly Member Inez Dickens**

Working very hard in the wake of all that is going on in our community. Assemblywoman is hosting a Unity and the Community discussion with NYPD in the wake of the death of George Floyd to be held on Thursday, June 4 at 6:30. Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams will also participate.

### **Manhattan Borough President (MBP) Office - Athena Moore**

The meeting will focus on City Council funding for the artists community. On the call will be the Chair of the Black and Latino Caucus as well as the minority leader Laura Cambo, Danny Glover and other celebrity guest speakers showing support for the community arts and culture community. It is a coalition of the theatres of color which is Ossie Davis and Ruby Dees coalition and the baton has been passed on to Sadae Lipcock at the National Black Theatre. This is very critical at this juncture.

### **Exec Director 125 St BID - Barbara Askins**

Blink fitness was vandalized with a trash can used to break in, TD Bank and Champs also had some damage. A community reported and the people were caught. All business are bordered up and is not pleasing to the eye. FDB and 1124 by Magic Johnson theatre. Tomorrow the boards will be painted black and invite all in the community to come and have their expressions in writing or drawing. Partner with Columbia to start recording the comments to shape public policy.

### **Myna Whyte Assemblyman Al Taylor**

Package passed by State Legislator on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Critical funds for housing, a slew of legislation. 50a to repeal it which is Odonnell's bill.

### **Isiah Jenkins – Mayors Office**

COVID on track to begin phase one of reopening on June 8. Will be requirements for businesses to reopen sanitizing and cleaning. Testing and trace begin this week. Calls have been made and they are hiring. Monitoring protests citywide. Curfew is 8pm will remain in effect until Sunday. No rideshare apps available after 8pm below 96 street, only subway and yellow cabs.

### **District Attorneys Office Jacques Brumil**

DV access manhattanda.org under victim resources you will see a lot of information. Recent press releases one related to the George Floyd killing and the DA is against what happens and a joint letter that the DA signed along with a large representation of DAs around the country dealing with recommendation that should be made around police brutality. Covid and reentry list can be found on the website as well. Saturday night lights has now moved virtually. Mentoring counseling and tutoring are available.

### **Shanna Harmongoff from Senator Brian Benjamin**

Senator Benjamin is in support of the bill by Senator Baily and Adonnae to repeal 50A to make policemen's records public and add falsely reporting to the hate crime. Senator Benjamin, Bailey and Parker sponsored bill s117a which prohibits racial profiling. Senator Benjamin supported the Bill 6670 Eric Garner bill making it criminal to use the choke hold. Let us breathe press conference in all five boroughs. Organizers for Harlem will meet at 3p at the Harlem State Office Building at the ACP Jr. statue.

### **Presentation of Open Streets-Manhattan Borough Commission Office**

The goal is to provide 100 miles of open streets so people have space to be out and about. Completed 40 miles in May. Two types of open streets some managed by Police Dept. and others by partner organizations.

### **Chair Report Cicely Harris**

Thanks to Barbara Askins and 125 bid and information the community as well as the greater chamber of commerce for the work you are doing. We would normally be off for the months of July and August so we believe we should continue to work in these months because of what is going on in our community. We will continue to have committee meetings but no general board meeting. The Chair took a moment of 9 minutes to honor Mr. George Floyd and others who have died before the start our June meeting.

### **District Manager Report – Shatic Mitchell**

Manhattan has confirmed as of today 25,131 cases and 2,929 deaths, New York City has 201,123 cases 21,649 deaths.

This past Saturday Shatic joined the protest against George Floyds death in front of the Harlem State Office Building it was a peaceful demonstration.

Attended Congressman Espiallat rally where he proposed a 10 point manifesto against police brutality and systemic injustice.

The city will begin phase I reopening on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Must adhere to physical distancing set by the State. Mandatory screening are required. MTA subway and busses will return to full services with social distancing in affect. Hand sanitizing stations and here will be free masks provided to passengers. St. Matthews Church and Mother AME Zion Church are currently provided COVID testing until this upcoming Friday open M-F 11am-7pm.

Harlem Nursing Home that made the front page of the Daily News for bad practices. They were invited to the Health Committee meeting and spoke with leadership we need more transparency. They are reporting that they have had 31 COVID deaths.

#### **There was a question regarding Mart 125**

Mart 125 construction has been delayed in light of COVID. Ideas have been presented to the Executive Board. Charles Powell wants to know how are there ideas presented when the RFP was not issued. Chair Harris said nothing has been decided.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Arts and Culture – George Harrell Reporting**

**Partnered with WBLS to do PSAs with Ledisi, CeLo, Charlie Wilson and Anthony Hamilton around COVID-19. Lost a dear friend Andre Harrell.**

##### **Economic Development – Shanelle Washington**

Economic Development Chair for the State NAACP New York State Conference Gary Johnson. Provided guidance and resources for the pandemic relief will forward to Shatic. Michelle Booker gave a report on PPP and PPE and heroes act. Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce representative Charles Powell came to the meeting to give a report that he is part of a commission the second Harlem renaissance and reported on the matrix to reopen. Chair Harris announced the new chair, Shanell Washington. Presented the new newsletter that will be sent out from the committee.

##### **Health and Human Services Hazel Dukes**

Dr. Dukes has been working with our District Manager Shatic Mitchel I in obtaining the information regarding the Harlem Nursing Home. Harlem Nursing Home that made the front page of the Daily News for bad practices. They were invited to the Health Committee meeting and spoke with leadership we need more transparency. They are reporting that they have had 31 COVID deaths. On our process of outlining a advisory capacity to work with facility Dr. Smith and Karen Dixon. They are not good citizens. Beginning Monday I will be talking with members have to get advisory committee together and monitor this facility in our area.

##### **Transportation and Historic Preservation – Cicely Harris**

Next week will have someone from open streets coming to the meeting with more in depth information about the restaurants.

##### **Land Use – Lisa Downing**

Waiting on minutes from the District Manager. Had local affordable housing and non-profit developers to participate and share their frustrations and concerns around housing during the pandemic.

##### **Donna Gill – Housing Committee**

Save the Date June 16<sup>th</sup> Housing Forum

##### **Parks and Recreation – Karen Horry**

Discussion around exhibit dedicated to the Exonerated 5 around social justice. Concern about fraudulent call in Central Park earlier last week and their being some accountability for that. Referred to Public Safety. CB10 Waterfront status at the next meeting.

##### **Public Safety - Charles Johnson**

Two presentations dv issues in the community with representative from the DA Office and Attorney General's office. The two precincts 32 and 28 were there as well on if there was

inconsistency in the policing around social distancing. They are to give summons and not to arrest. FDNY was present at the meeting gave contact info for in house fire safety.

**Presentation of Voting Items – All Voting taken by Common Consent**

The Exonerative Five Resolution

**All passed by common consent**

**Announcements**

Dr. Smith – Harlem Children’s Reading Circle every Thursday at 3pm. Will send flyer to Shatic to send out between ages 5-11.

Karen Diggs – Riverside Church development community assessment partnership sub-committee. Plan to conduct a community survey asking questions so that they may understand the needs of the community. Virtual survey in the summer of 2020.